

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
FORT WORTH DIVISION

JEFFERY L. CRAWFORD §
aka Jeffery Lamar Crawford,¹ §
(BOP #35243-044) §
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VS. § CIVIL ACTION NO. 4:14-CV-1017-Y
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UNITED STATES §
OF AMERICA, et al. §

FINDINGS, CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATION OF THE
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE AND NOTICE AND ORDER
(With special instructions to the Clerk of Court)

In this case, Bureau of Prisons inmate/plaintiff Jeffery L. Crawford filed a new civil case accompanied by a motion for leave to proceed *in forma pauperis*. The action, initially filed in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia, was transferred to this Court and received on December 17, 2014. Resolution of the motion was referred to the United States Magistrate Judge pursuant to the provisions of 28 U.S.C. § 636(b). The findings, conclusions and recommendation of the United States Magistrate Judge are as follows:

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS:

A. NATURE OF THE CASE

This case is a new civil action.

¹Plaintiff has also filed suits in federal court under the name Jeffery Lamar Crawford, and thus the Clerk of Court is directed to add this name on the docket.

B. PARTIES

Jeffery L. Crawford is the plaintiff. He has named as defendants the United States of America and several individual defendants.

C. LEGAL ANALYSIS

Although plaintiff Crawford has filed a motion for leave to proceed in forma pauperis, Court records reveal, as a result of previously filing suits with claims deemed frivolous or for failure to state a claim upon which relief may be granted, he is barred from proceeding under 28 U.S.C. § 1915 in any civil action or appeal filed while he is incarcerated or detained unless he is under imminent danger of serious physical injury.² Crawford obtained the qualifying dismissals in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Arkansas, and the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Missouri. Those dismissals include: *Crawford v. Isom*, No. 4:11-CV-1517-TCM (E.D. Missouri March 29, 2012 order dismissing case under Rule 12(b)(6) and 28 U.S.C. § 1915(e)(2)(b)); *Crawford v. Peikar, FCI-FC*, et al., No. 2:12-CV-224 SWW/JTR (E.D. Ark. January 3, 2013 order adopting December 12, 2013 findings, conclusions and recommendation to dismiss partial claims under 28 U.S.C. § 1915A(b)); *Crawford v.*

²As a result of the Prison Litigation Reform Act (PLRA) amendments to 28 U.S.C. 1915, section 1915(g) provides that a prisoner may not proceed in forma pauperis in a civil action if, on three or more occasions, the prisoner had a case dismissed as frivolous, malicious, or for failure to state a claim, unless the prisoner is under imminent danger of serious physical injury. 28 U.S.C.A. § 1915(g) (West 2006).

Peikar, FCI-FC, et al., No. 2:12-CV-224 SWW/JTR (E.D. Ark. June 28, 2013 order adopting August 14, 2014 findings, conclusions and recommendation to grant motion to dismiss claims for failure to state a claim upon which relief may be granted under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 12(b)(6)). A district court's partial dismissal of a complaint as frivolous, malicious, or for failure to state a claim "counts as a strike under 28 U.S.C. § 1915(g)." *Thornton v. Merchant*, 526 F. App'x 385, 388 (5th Cir. 2013) (citing *Adepegba v. Hammons*, 103 F.3d 383, 388 (5th Cir. 1996)). Because Crawford has three qualifying dismissals under 28 U.S.C. 1915(g), he may not proceed without the prepayment of fees unless he shows that he is subject to imminent danger of serious physical injury. But Crawford has not set forth grounds for leave to file in compliance with 28 U.S.C. § 1915(g); that is, Crawford does not claim that he is "under imminent danger of serious physical injury." Thus, the undersigned finds that Jeffery L. Crawford is not entitled to proceed *in forma pauperis* in this action and, if he wishes to proceed with this suit, he must pay a full filing fee.

RECOMMENDATION

It is therefore RECOMMENDED that Jeffery L. Crawford's (BOP No. 35243-044) should not be allowed to proceed *in forma pauperis* in this action and that the motion to proceed *in forma pauperis* be DENIED by the district judge. It is further RECOMMENDED that the district judge inform plaintiff Crawford that his complaint will be

subject to dismissal without further notice under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 41(b), unless he pays to the clerk of Court the filing and administrative fees of \$400.00³ within seven (7) days after the district judge's order.

NOTICE OF RIGHT TO OBJECT TO PROPOSED
FINDINGS, CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATION
AND CONSEQUENCES OF FAILURE TO OBJECT

A copy of this report and recommendation shall be served on all parties in the manner provided by law. Any party who objects to any part of this report and recommendation must file specific written objections within 14 days after being served with a copy. See 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1); Fed. R. Civ. P. 72(b). The court is extending the deadline within which to file specific written objections to the United States Magistrate Judge's proposed findings, conclusions, and recommendation until February 13, 2015. In order to be specific, an objection must identify the specific finding or recommendation to which objection is made, state the basis for the objection, and specify the place in the magistrate judge's report and recommendation where the disputed determination is found. An objection that merely incorporates by reference or refers to the briefing before the magistrate judge is not specific.

³In addition to the filing fee of \$350, the District Court Miscellaneous Fee Schedule, effective May 1, 2013, requires payment of an administrative fee for filing a civil action in district court of \$50. See 28 U.S.C. § 1914(a) and District Court Miscellaneous Fee Schedule, note 14.

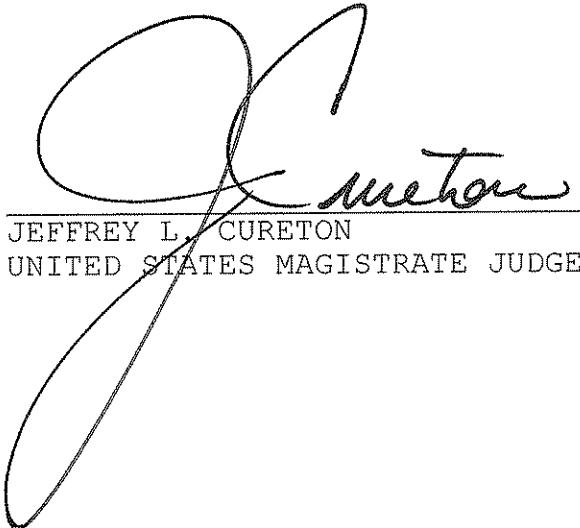
Failure to file by the date stated above a specific written objection to a proposed factual finding or legal conclusion will bar a party, except upon grounds of plain error or manifest injustice, from attacking on appeal any such proposed factual finding and legal conclusion if it has been accepted by the United States District Judge. See *Douglass v. United Services Auto Ass'n*, 79 F.3d 1415, 1428-29 (5th Cir. 1996) (en banc).

ORDER

Under 28 U.S.C. § 636, it is ORDERED that Plaintiff is granted until February 13, 2015 to serve and file written objections to the United States Magistrate Judge's proposed findings, conclusions and recommendation.

It is further ORDERED that the above-styled and numbered action, previously referred to the United States Magistrate Judge, be and is hereby, returned to the docket of the United States District Judge.

SIGNED January 23, 2015.



JEFFREY L. CURETON
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE